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Subject: 'X' Flotilla MAS.

To: See Distribution.

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La Spezia, 25 Ott. 1943.

10<sup>a</sup> FLOTTIGLIA M. A. S.

Indirizzo telegrafico DECIMA FLOTTIGLIA

A/ Ecc. Alceo Ercolani

- Capo della Provincia di

Protoc. N. 108

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GROSSETO

ARGOMENTO Ringraziamento.

Il Tenente di Vascello PALADINI Luigi - delegato da questo Comando per il ritiro di benzina costà depositata, necessaria per l'impiego operativo bellico di questa Flottiglia, mi ha comunicato di aver avuto da V.Ecc. il più ampio ed efficace appoggio per l'espletamento della missione affidatagli.

Tengo ad esprimerVi il mio vivo ringraziamento - felice di constatare che - nel nuovo clima - la collaborazione delle Autorità civili con gli Enti militari operativi sia reale, fattiva e spicciativa.

VIVA L'ITALIA ! -

IL COMANDANTE  
Capitano di Fregata  
(J. Valerio BORGHESE)

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH ARMY  
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18 July 1944

SUBJECT: 10th Flotilla Mas.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

A document recovered from the confidential files of the Cape della Provincia of Grosseto, Alceo Ercolani, reveals that the Commanding Officer of the 10th Flotilla Mas. at La Spezia, on 26 October 1943 was Capitano di Fregata J. Valerio ~~PORECHSE~~. (COR.)

The document in question is a letter of thanks to Ercolani for kindness shown to a certain Tenente di Vascello Luigi PALADINI. It is noted that AAI 1455/4/GSI(b), dated 31 May 1944, Subject: Enemy Agents, contains the name PALADINI with a description: 'Sailor, had been in the Aegean Islands; height, 1.66 m.; thin, dark complexion, small head, plump face, cleanshaven, frizzy chestnut hair, dark eyes. Approximate age 22.'

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TOWN	UNIT	LOCATION	Nature of Buildings	PERSONALITIES	REMARKS
LA SPEZIA (continued)	8. M/S group	Huggiano. See App. B. and Town Plan of La Spezia 1/10,000	Seaplane hangar	See App. D	15 M/S boats
	9. "Maiali" detachment				Torpedo stores for "Maiali"
6. VAREZZE	M/S boat unit	Shipyards at Bagnetto di VAREZZE	Unknown	Unknown	12 M/S ready for service
7. MILAN	X M/S Propaganda Office	15 Via Carlo Alberto	Unknown	Lt. TULVI	
8. VAREZZE	1. Gamma Detachment	Unknown	G.I.L. Building Dopolavoro of MARZOTTO L'INTEGRO	Ten. di Vasc. WOLK C.O. " FERRARO 2 i/o S/Ten. di Vasc. CELLI inst Trainees 2/Lt. BELCARE " VENTURINI " PARIGI " PAVONE Sgt. P. CIOLLA Ord Seaman RESCA	Preliminary Gamma training. 30 - 35 Ita- lian trainees housed in G.I.L. Building; 30 - 3 German trainees housed in the Dopolavoro build- ing of MARZOTTO L'INI- FICIO.
	2. "Maiali" detachment	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Believed to be a "Maiali" training school.

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4. MASSA-CARRARA Area	Reparto Superficie?	Bocche di Magra	Small shipyards and repair dock.	Unknown	
5. LA SPEZIA	1. Cotrau Group	Castagna Bay. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia.	Unknown	See App. D	Training in the use of mahogany explosive boats, 1942.
	2. Mezzi d'Assalto Group	Varignano. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia, 1/10,000	Unknown		Preliminary training for the Mezzi d'Assalto group.
	3. "Miaoli" detachment?	do.	Unknown		"Miaoli" training school.
	4. Torpedo store and workshop possibly for X Flot. MAS	Baia d'Assalto. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia 1/10,000	Workshop and store along the waterfront		
	5. X Flot. MAS H.Q.	Molo Mirabello. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia, 1/10,000	Unknown		Main base
	6. Pianteria di Mare	San Bartolomeo. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia 1/10,000	Scuola di Marina in former C.R.M. barracks.		Approximately 800 men
	7. Sommozzatori Group	Muggiano. See App. B and Town Plan of La Spezia 1/10,000	Seaplane hangar		Sommozzatori training school.

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1. FLORENCE MAS: INDENT LOCATIONS -

MAP "ITALY AND THE BALKANS" 1/2,000,000 - See Appendix "A"

TOWN	UNIT	LOCATION	Nature of Buildings	PERSONALITIES	REMARKS
1. LECORNI	1. Reparto Subacquea	San Leopoldo	Unknown	Unknown	Scuola di Lavoro comprising the Scuola di Sannazatori and the Scuola di Gamma, in 1942.
	2. Reparto Lavori	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
	3. B.D.S. or "Miali" group (human torpedo)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
2. VIAREGGIO	1. B.D.S. or "Miali" detachment	Baldipodio Roma	Unknown	Unknown	B.D.S. = Bocche del Serchio River
	2. Reparto Subacquea group	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Center for all (?) preliminary training of Reparto Subacquea
3. FLORENCE	I Flot. MAS (San Marco Regt.?) Recruiting Office	Unknown	Unknown	Col. CERRINA-FERROE C.O. San Marco Regt.	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

B-389.502/2/3.

25 June, 1944.

SUBJECT: X Flotilla MAS.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Attached for your information is a table, "X Flotilla MAS: Known Locations".

2. The X Flotilla MAS is a Republican Fascist naval assault and sabotage group, reformed early in 1944. Its principal sections are the "Reparto Superficie" (torpedo assault craft) and the "Reparto Submarino" (swimmer-saboteurs and "herring" torpedo units). The X Flotilla MAS has attached to it an Army section, the San Marco Regiment (parachutists, saboteurs, and infantry). Fuller details of the organization are contained in our B-389.502/3 dated 20 March 1944.

3. The current table summarizes the information known about depots, etc. of the X Flotilla MAS sections and personnel. It is hoped that it will be of use in the operations now in progress.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

S. S. HELL-DILLON  
Colonel, G.S.  
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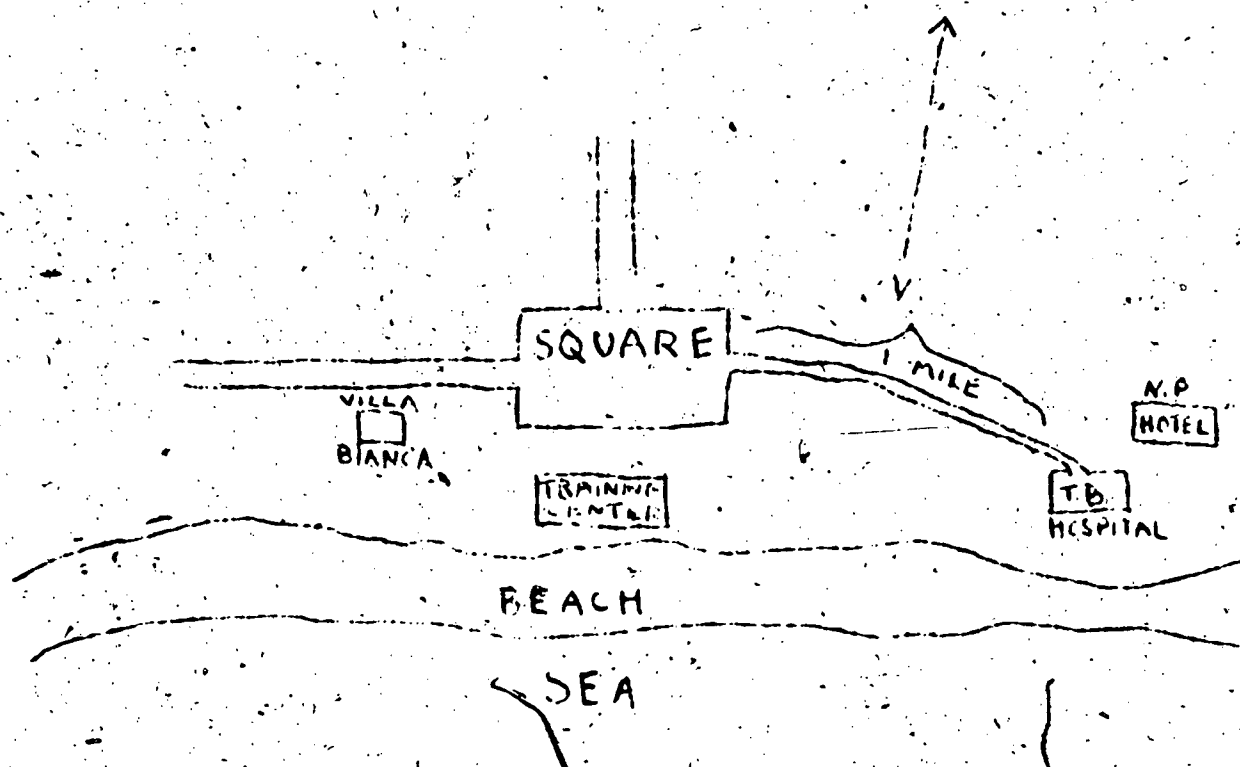
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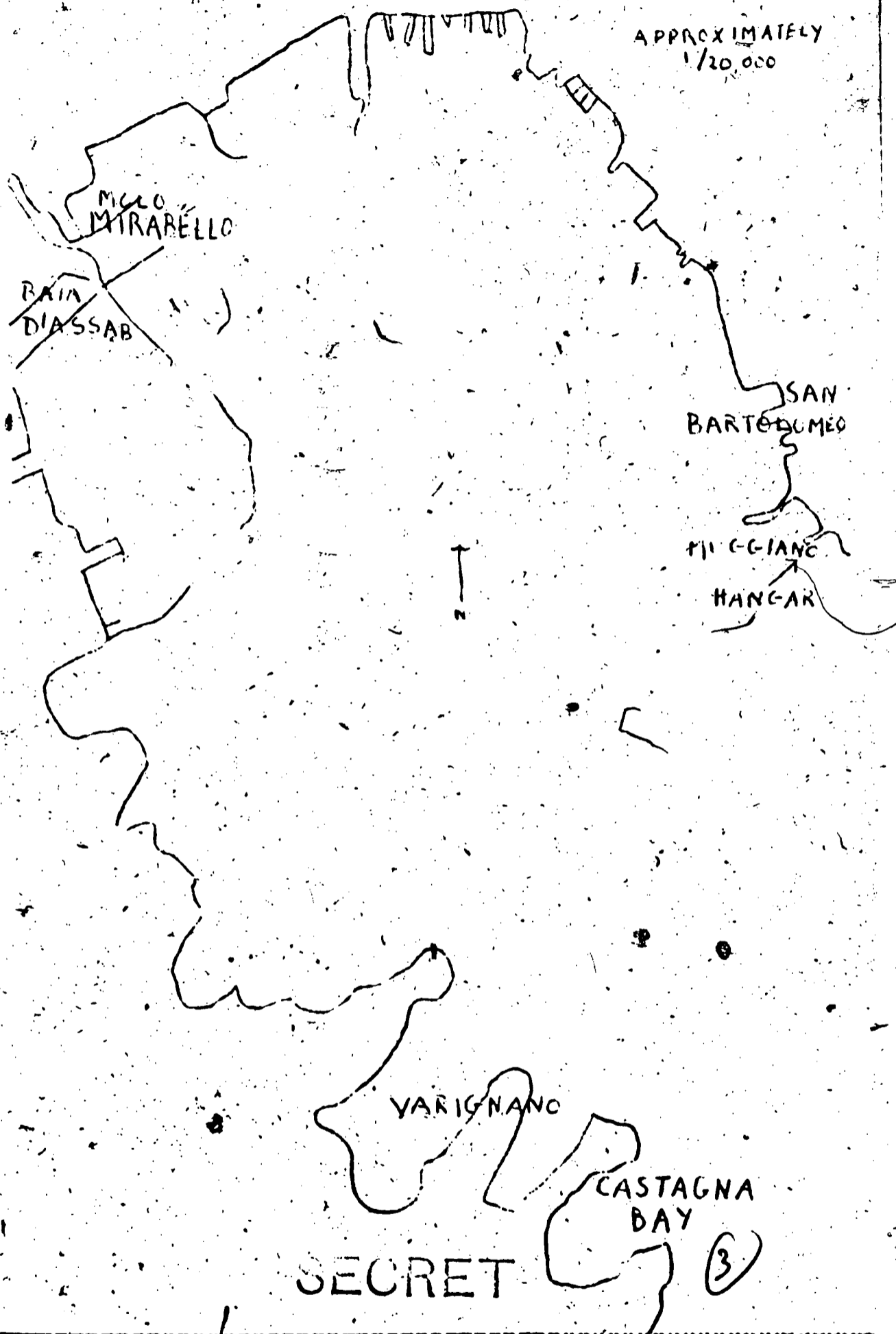
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APPENDIX B

LA SPEZIA

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I FLOTILLA MAS: KNOWN LOCATIONS -

MAP "ITALY AND THE BALKANS" 1/2,000,000 - See Appendix "A"

TOWN	UNIT	LOCATION	Nature of Buildings	PERSONALITIES	REMARKS
1. LEGHORN	1. Reparto Subacquea	San Reginaldo	Unknown	Unknown	Scuola di Lavoro comprising the Scuola di Saperzatori and the Scuola di Gamma, in 1942.
	2. Reparto Lavori	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
	3. B.D.S. or "Miali" group (human torpedo)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
2. VIAREGGIO	1. B.D.S. or "Miali" detachment	Palipodio Rocca	Unknown	Unknown	B.D.S. = Bocche del Sarchio River
	2. Reparto Subacquea group	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Center for all (?) preliminary training of Reparto Subacquea
3. FLORENCE	I Flot. MAS (San Marco Regt.?) Recruiting Office	Unknown	Unknown	Col. CERRINA-FERRONE C.O. San Marco Regt.	

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TOWN	UNIT	LOCATION	Nature of Buildings	PERSONALITIES	REMARKS
9. DESOLO MARINA	1. San Marco Coys.  2. Nuotatori-Paracadutisti Group (swimmer-parachutists)  3. San Marco Coys. and N.P. Group	Near VENEZIA. See App. C	T.B. Hospital for quarters  Hotel 500 yards from T.B. Hospital used for quarters  Large building 30 yds from the shore.	See App. E  Capt. BUTTALONE C.O? Lt. NUTI 2 i/o? Sailor B. GELMI? Sgt. FRASSONI? Sec. App. E  Lt. DEI Lt. SCALO Lt. CHIRASSI Lt. TRUCS Sgt. PIAZZA? Sgt. SIDARI? Sgt. MARINELLI? ALLISIOSSICOTTICI?	200 men   Training center for both San Marco Coys. and N.P. Group
10. DESENZANO	4. N.P. Group		Villa BELLA		Former quarters of N.P. Group
10. DESENZANO	Common Unit	Lago di Garda	Unknown	Unknown	Gamma training
11. GARGUANO	X Flot. M.S. Reception Center	1 km. S.W. of GARGUANO which is on Lago di Garda	Barracks	Unknown	For incoming volunteers; houses 500 men
12. SESTO CALENDE	"Barchini" group (midget Torpedo Boats)	Lago Maggiore	Unknown	Unknown	Training school for midget torpedo boats (MISAs); 5 - 6 units formed of 50 Italian trainees.

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APPENDIX "D"

LA SPEZIA

PERSONALITIES

Cdr. BORGHESI	C.O. X Flot. MAS
? Capt. ARILLO	C.O. Mezzi d'Assalto
? Capt. BELLONI	C.O. B.D.S. or "Maiali"
Console FUGNI	Mai. Morti Conturia
? Capt. ALLEGRI	C.O. Reparto Superficie
? Capt. BENTIGNATI	C.O. 2nd. Squadr. Reparto Superficie
Capt. BENDISCHI	C.O. San Marco at La Spezia
Lt. MOSCATELLI	C.O. Sannozzatori
? Cdr. FRESCHI	M/S 504
? Cdr. PUCCI	M/S 505
? Lt. SARTI	M/S 505
? Lt. SORCINELLI	M/S 505
? Cdr. LONGHETTI-CATAN	
? Major MISCISTRELLI	(Ami Naval)
? Lt. Cdr. MASCAPO	
? Lt. SCARDAGLIA	
? Lt. BERTOZZI	
? S/T FRACASSINI	
? S/T SPINOLA	
? Sgto. BERTANDI	
? Sgto. MUOIO	
? Sailor MUSCIETTO	

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APPENDIX "E" - Additional Personalities -

The following personnel, formerly at CAPEN, may now have returned to DESOLO MARINA: -

ALBERTINO, Cap. Mag.  
ARVIOCHI, Ardito  
BIDUCCI  
~~BIDUCCI, Ardito~~  
BARONI, Cap. Mag.  
BATTIZATTI, Sgte.  
BENTON, Sgte.  
BERTUCCI  
~~BERTUCCI, Sgte.~~  
CASSONE, Sgte.  
CECCACI, Ten.  
CINCIO, Ardito  
CINOTTI, Cap. Mag.  
~~CINOTTI, Sgte.~~  
DEI CAMPO, Sgte.  
DONELLI, Sgte. Mag.  
FOLLIDORE, Sgte.  
GARU  
L.C. GEMINI, Cap. Mag.  
PERRI  
RIGGAI, S/Ten.  
RINI  
ROSSI, Cap. Mag.  
SANTERINI, S/Ten.  
SANTOLINI, Sgte.  
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The following personnel formerly at CAPEN, may now be at DESOLO MARINA: -

BIDINI, Sailor  
CUCOLI, Sgte.  
GATTO, Sailor  
PARI, Secondo Capo (Same as PARRI?)  
QUIRICONI, Cap. Mag.  
ZAPPI, Lt.

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